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12. NEW RECORD OF *DIMEROMICRUS VIBIDIA* (WALKER) (HYMENOPTERA : TORYMIDAE), A PARASITE OF THE GALL FLY *PROCECIDOCHARES UTILIS* (STONE) (DIPTERA : TEPHRITIDAE) FROM NEPAL

The gall fly *Procecidochares utilis* (Stone) is a serious pest of the crofton weed *Eupatorium adenophorum* Sprengel and is employed for the control of this weed in many parts of the world.

A hymenopterous parasite *Dimeromicrus vibidia* (Walker) (Torymidae) was reared from the larvae of this fruit fly in Kathmandu and this is the first record of the insect parasitising *P. utilis*. The only other insect known to parasitise the insect in Hawaii is *Opius tryoni* (Cam.) (Dodd 1953).

From 20 galls examined eight contained 16 larvae and 11 contained 21 pupae of the fruit fly, whereas six galls showed parasitisation by *D. vibidia*. Four larvae and seven pupae of the parasite were recovered. The parasitisation of the galls was noticed to be 30 per cent.

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